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- 1. The Bohumin Wire Works (Dratovny Bohumin), National Enterprise, in Bohumin, produces all types of wire and wire products, such as barbed wire, wire nails, drawn wire fittings, wire ropes, etc. It also produces and nails its own barrels and kegs. It is by far the largest wire-producing factory in the country, and its products are all of first-class quality.
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- 2. The factory is one of the best-equipped in the country, although its plant is on the whole of pre-war vintage. A few new machines were set up after 1948. They were all German automatic and semi-automatic machines known as "Wafics". About 3,000 workers are employed, most of whom are women. Three shifts are being worked daily.
- 3. Approximately 80,000 tons of products are turned out annually. The works operate at full capacity, and no expansion is being planned.
- 4. About 50 percent of the products are for domestic consumption and 50 percent for export.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Trade constantly has to intervene with the relevant ministries in order to obtain adequate manpower for the Wire Works. So far the Works have been very successful in maintaining the necessary manpower, but a continuous effort is required. There is a shortage of zinc and timber (for the kegs).

6. The managing director is Mosna (fnu).

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